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1 – Closing Costs: As a chemical plant expands, a Louisiana town vanishes, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 1/15/2015

<http://www.nola.com/business/mossville/>

(Special section on Mossville and Sasol)

2 – DuPont suggests ‘whistleblower’ motivated by money interests, Baton Rouge Advocate, 1/15/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/11336353-123/duPont-suggests-whistleblower-motivated-by>

Defense attorneys for DuPont on Wednesday emphasized whistleblower Jeffrey M. Simoneaux’s financial interest in the lawsuit he filed alleging the company covered up toxic gas leaks, suggesting he resisted following DuPont’s leak reporting procedures and repair plans.

3 – Obama's Methane Plan: Why It Matters for Texas, Texas Tribune, 1/14/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/01/14/obamas-methane-plan-why-it-matters-texas/>

The Obama administration on Wednesday announced another major plan to combat climate change. This time, it's targeting the oil and gas sector in a bid to slash emissions of methane gas.

4 – Big stink over methane emissions, Albuquerque Journal, 1/14/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/526353/biz/biz-most-recent/big-stink-over-methane-emissions.html>

Local industry leaders and environmental organizations are lining up for and against a White House announcement on Wednesday that federal agencies are preparing new rules to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

5 – UPDATE: Maddens no go on M6 bid; DEQ wants more from EPA, Shreveport Times, 1/14/2015

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/local/2015/01/14/minden-company-will-bid-open-burn-disposal/21755329/>

Growing objection to a scheduled open burn of thousands of pounds of M6 explosives at Camp Minden received a boost Wednesday morning when Madden Contracting said it will not bid on the contract to dispose of it.

6 – Renegade regulators group takes aim at EPA advisers, regs, Greenwire, 1/14/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060011652/feed>

State air regulators who split from the National Association of Clean Air Agencies two years ago over the 34-year-old nonprofit's positions supporting federal emission rules have their breakaway group up and running.

7 – Gas drilling in northwest La. might heat up, La. Oil & Gas Association president says, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 1/14/2015

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2015/01/gas_drilling_in_northwest_la_m.html#incart_river

While the big drop oil prices has caused many exploration companies to reduce their drilling budgets for this year, the Haynesville Shale in northwest Louisiana might benefit from the situation, according to Louisiana Oil

& Gas Association President Don Briggs. Some operators might decide that drilling for natural gas is more profitable than oil.

8 - Drought-Stricken Oklahoma Communities Dealing With Prospect of Dead Lakes, NPR StateImpact, 1/15/2015

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/01/15/drought-stricken-oklahoma-communities-dealing-with-prospect-of-dead-lakes/>

Most of western Oklahoma is in its fifth year of drought with still no end in sight, despite a wetter than normal end to 2014. And many of the lakes communities rely on for drinking water are now on the verge of being too low to use. The situation is most dire in Altus, Duncan, and Canton.

9 – Craig Pearson: Not so quick on quakes (op-ed), Dallas Morning News, 1/15/2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20150114-craig-pearson-not-so-quick-on-quakes.ece>

At the Texas Railroad Commission, we're deeply committed to protecting the public and our natural resources while providing a stable regulatory environment for the energy industry. That's why it's so important that facts, not fear, drive the research and review of recent seismic activity in Irving.

10 – Hazardous contaminants found in conventional & unconventional wastewater, Eagle Ford Texas, 1/14/2015

<http://eaglefordtexas.com/news/id/144339/hazardous-contaminants-found-conventional-unconventional-wastewater/>

Scientists at Duke University have recently discovered high levels of ammonium and iodide in wastewater being discharged or spilled into freshwater streams and rivers from oil and gas worksites located in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

11 – EPA proposes expanded oversight of uranium mining, Greenwire, 1/14/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060011687/feed>

U.S. EPA is proposing new water protection and monitoring regulations for a controversial form of uranium mining, according to a copy obtained by Greenwire.

12 - Comment period extended on 3 air pollution regulations, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 1/14/15

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/jan/14/comment-period-extended-3-air-pollution-regulation/?f=latest>

The period for written public comments on three air pollution control regulations has been extended until Feb. 17. Arkansas environmental officials announced the extension Wednesday.